resolutions passed by the Council to give remission of 12½ per cent of the Land Revenue for 1108 and 12½ per cent for 1109?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Member's attention is invited to the Diwan's Proceedings dated 28th November 1933, R. 4-470/09, published on pages 157 and 158 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 17th Vrischigam 1109.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Diwan Peishkar make any recommendation regarding the remission of land revenue?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—My predecessor Mr. Kandar Menon had made a recommendation for 12½ percent in 1109 and 7½ per cent in 1108, or a consolidated reduction of 20 per cent. That was his recommendation.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether remission has already been made in all the taluks?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Are there any other taluks in which it is not done?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Country boats—Licensing of.

20. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

a. whether any cases of hardship to passengers have been brought to their notice, in connection with the registration and licensing of country boats plying in the rivers and backwaters of the State;

b. who are the officers concerned in the work of registering and licensing the above boats;

c. are not the Government aware that the stopping of boats and delaying them indefinitely for purposes of registering and licensing while they are carrying passengers, entails serious hardship to the travelling public;

d. have the Government at any time considered the desirability of ordering the officers concerned to go to the house of the owners of these boats or to stop these boats at their usual mooring places for purposes of registration and licensing?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—a. No.

b. The Canal Superintendents and their subordinates.

c. Yes.

d. No.

Price of Paddy.

21. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the price of paddy at the time of the last Land Revenue Settlement; what is the price of paddy at present? Has the price of paddy gone lower than at present at any time after the last Settlement; if so, by how much?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The price of paddy at the time of the Land Revenue Settlement varied from 6 to 10 annas per parah. The present price ranges between 5¼ to 7½ annas per parah. At no time after the last Settlement has the price gone so low as at present.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there not places where paddy is sold for 4½ annas ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Not that I am aware of. The reports which I have got do not show that paddy is sold at 4½ annas at any place.

Price of cocoanuts.

22. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the price of cocoanuts at the time of the last Land Revenue Settlement and what is the price at present;

(b) has the price of any agricultural produce in Cochin gone higher at present than at the time of the Settlement; if so, what and by how much ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The price of cocoanuts at the time of the last Revenue Settlement ranged between Rs. 2—14—0 to Rs. 6—0—0 per hundred. The present price varies from Rs. 1—8—0 to Rs. 3—0—0 per hundred.

(b) Nothing definite can be stated as statistics relating to price of all agricultural products at the time of Settlement are not available.

Remission of Land Revenue.

23. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have up till now (23—11—1933) passed any orders giving effect to the Council Resolution recommending a 12½% remission of land revenue; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether they propose to give any further relief to the agriculturers, in view of the acute 'Depression' which still continues unabated?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) (b) and (c) Orders have since been passed. The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 19.

Roads maintained by the Panchayat.

24. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total length of roads in the State maintained by Panchayats at present and the amount set apart for their maintenance for the year 1109;

(b) the amount allotted for the maintenance of such roads

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